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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Natasha Baker *NBaker*
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Update on Changes in the Technology Planning Process

The Michigan Technology Readiness Assessment Tool (MTRAx) Technology Planning Workgroup through the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) MTRAx activity, has developed a new process for technology planning that is meaningful, data driven, and integrated with existing school improvement processes. The new process seeks to effectively align technology goals within districts with those activities that support increased student achievement. To allow districts time to acclimate to the new technology planning process, it will be rolled out over the next few years in a phased approach.

We encourage you to participate in the technology planning sessions at the Michigan Department of Education/AdvancED Spring School Improvement Conference on March 16, 2015, and at the 2015 MACUL Conference on March 19, 2015, where the new process will be unveiled. Training sessions for ISDs, districts, and public school academies will begin in March and continue through May. See <http://22itrig.org/activities/activity-two/technology-planning/> for training details.

Technology plans for school year 2015-2016 are due September 30, 2015. All districts and PSAs participating in the TRIG are required annually to have a current, updated technology plan. State approval of technology plans will be done on an as-needed basis for those that require it, with details about the approval to be released in the fall. We look forward to working with you in the implementation of this new process.

For more information on Technology Plans, please contact Ann-Marie Smith (SmithA24@michigan.gov) or call (517) 335-2775.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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